STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

- 1. (Currently Amended) A fiber blend for filter media use, comprising: a blend of electret synthetic fibers and dissimilar non-electret synthetic fibers, said electret synthetic fibers present from about 25 to about 97 weight % of said blend, and said dissimilar non-electret synthetic fibers present from about 3 to about 75 weight % of said blend, and said electret synthetic fibers having from about 0.1 to about 30 weight % of charge control agent, based on said weight of said electret synthetic fibers.
- 2. (Original) The fiber blend of claim 1, wherein said blend is bonded by a mechanical process, a chemical process, or with binder fibers.
- 3. (Original) The fiber blend of claim 2, wherein said mechanical process is by needle punching or hydroentangling.
- 4. (Original) The fiber blend of claim 2, wherein said chemical process is by latex resin bonding or hot melt adhesives bonding.
- 5. (Original) The fiber blend of claim 2, wherein said binder fibers employs low melt polymer fibers or bicomponent fibers.
- 6. (Original) The fiber blend of claim 5, wherein said binder fibers are said bicomponent fibers and comprises from about 3 to about 20 weight % of said blend.
- 7. (Original) The fiber blend of claim 6, wherein said bicomponent fibers have a low melting point component and a high melting point electret fiber component.
- 8. (Original) The fiber blend of claim 6, wherein said bicomponent fibers have a low melting point component and a high melting point dissimilar non-electret fiber component.

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- 9. (Original) The fiber blend of claim 1, wherein said electret fibers are selected from the class of polytetrafluoroethylene (Teflon), polyolefin, polyurethane, polyester, or a mixture of two or more of these.
- 10. (Original) The fiber blend of claim 1, wherein said non-electret fibers are selected from the class of polyolefin, polyacrylates, polyacrylonitrile, polystyrene, fluoropolymers, polyesters, polyurethane, polycarbonates, polyamides, polyimides, polyetherketones, polyacetals, or a mixture of two or more of these.
- 11. (Original) The fiber blend of claim 1, wherein said charge control agent is selected from the class of triphenylmethanes.
- 12. (Original) The fiber blend of claim 11, wherein said charge control agent is Copy Blue.
- 13. (Original) The fiber blend of claim 11, wherein said charge control agent is Copy Charge.
- 14. (Original) The fiber blend of claim 1, wherein said electret fibers are polypropylene fibers.
- 15. (Original) The fiber blend of claim 14, wherein said non-electret fibers are polyethylene terephthalate fibers.
- 16. (Original) The fiber blend of claim 15, wherein said charge control agent is Copy Blue or Copy Charge.